

HOUSE No. 2679

By Ms. Khan of Newton, petition of Kay Khan and others relative to the collaboration of nurse-midwives and physicians in certain medical procedures. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

PETITION OF:

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In the Year Two Thousand and Five.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE COLLABORATION OF NURSE-MIDWIVES AND PHYSICIANS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Chapter 112 of the General Laws, as appearing in
2 the 2000 Official Edition, is hereby amended by striking out
3 section 80G and inserting in place thereof the following new
4 section:—

5 Section 80G. A nurse authorized to practice as a certified
6 nurse-midwife may order tests and therapeutics pursuant to guide-
7 lines mutually developed and agreed upon by the certified nurse-
8 midwife and the collaborating physician in accordance with
9 regulations promulgated by the board and issue written prescrip-
10 tions subject to the provisions of paragraph (g) of section seven of
11 chapter ninety-four C as amended by this Act.

1 SECTION 2. Subsection (g) of section 7 of Chapter 94C of the
2 General Laws, as so appearing, is hereby amended by striking out
3 lines 127-138, inclusive, and inserting in place thereof the
4 following new paragraph:—

5 The commissioner shall promulgate regulations which provide
6 for the registration of certified nurse-midwives, as provided in

7 section eighty C of chapter one hundred and twelve, to issue
8 written prescriptions for patients pursuant to guidelines mutually
9 developed and agreed upon by the certified nurse-midwife and the
10 collaborating physician in accordance with regulations approved
11 by the board of registration in nursing. Prior to promulgating
12 such regulations, the commissioner shall consult with the board of
13 registration in nursing with regard to those schedules of controlled
14 substances for which certified nurse-midwives may be registered.